Tolling and Pricing Opportunities

Under the Federal-aid Highway Program

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Background

 23 USC Section 301 generally prohibits the imposition of tolls on federal-aid highways

 Applies to all federal-aid highways, not just Interstates

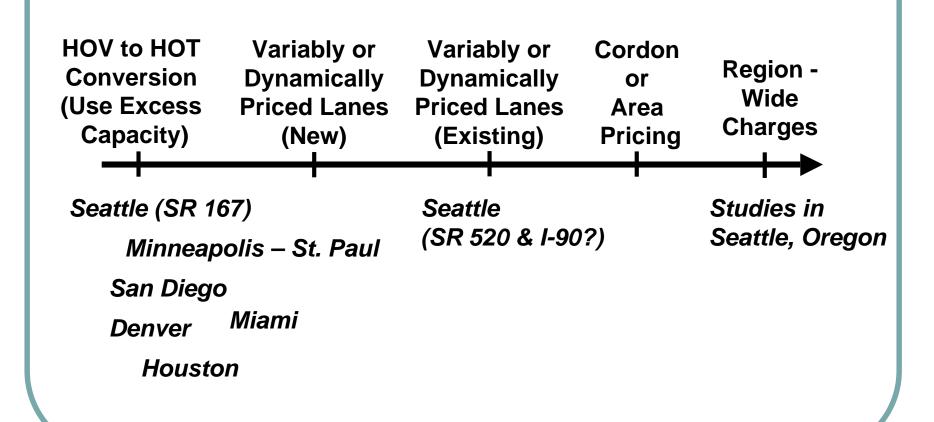
SAFETEA-LU

- In 2005, SAFETEA-LU provided additional flexibility for allowing tolling on federal-aid facilities
 - To finance construction/reconstruction
 - To promote efficient use of highways
 - To reduce traffic congestion
 - To improve air quality

U.S. DOT Congestion Initiative

- In 2006, U.S. DOT announced a National Strategy to Reduce Congestion
- New emphasis on <u>Congestion Pricing</u> as key element to reducing urban congestion
 - Failure to properly price travel on highways is a root cause of congestion
 - Congestion pricing brings supply and demand into alignment
- Urban Partnership Agreements Tolling is key component
 - Miami, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Seattle

Congestion Pricing – The Options



Federal Tolling and Pricing Programs

- Express Lanes Demonstration Program (SAFETEA-LU 1604)
- HOV Facilities (SAFETEA-LU 1121, 23 USC 166)
- Value Pricing Pilot Program (SAFETEA-LU 1604)
- Interstate System Construction Toll Pilot Program (SAFETEA-LU 1604)
- Interstate System Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Pilot Program (TEA-21 1216b)
- Section 129 Toll Agreements (23 USC 129)

Requirements for Tolling Programs

- Participation requirements
 - # Slots available, participation deadlines
- Eligibility requirements
 - Project intent, new vs. existing facility
- Tolling requirements
 - HOV exemptions, toll collection, revenue restrictions
- Reporting requirements

Tolling Requirements Matrix



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Federal Tolling Programs and Provisions Decision Support Guidance

Issues/Federal Requirements	Value Pricinq Pilot Program (Sec. 1012(b) of ISTEA, as amended)	Express Lanes Demonstration Program (Sec. 1604(b) of SAFETEA-LU)	Interstate Construction Toll Pilot (Sec. 1604(c) of SAFETEA-LU)	Interstate Rehab & Reconstruction (Sec. 1216(b) of TEA-21)	HOV Facilities (Includes HOT Lanes) 23 U.S.C. 166	23 U.S.C. Section 129 Section 129 Agreements
Funding (Discretionary funding for Feasibility, Pre- Implementation, Implementation, and Evaluation)	\$12 mil for each of the FYs 2006-2009 (\$3 mil shall be available only for projects that do not involve highway tolls) Projects may not be funded for a period longer than 3 years.	None	None	None	None	None
State Participation Restrictions	Only 15 States may participate 14 currently participating: CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, MD, MN, NC, NJ, OR, PA, TX, VA, WA	15 demonstration projects eligible in any state	3 facilities on the Interstate eligible *Compact of states are eligible	3 facilities on the Interstate eligible Each facility must be located in a different state 2 facilities currently participating: VA, MO	Unlimited participation	Unlimited participation
Deadlines for Participation	Expressions of Interest- August 1 each year for the subsequent fiscal year. Formal application- October 1 in the fiscal year where funds are requested.	September 30, 2008	August 10, 2015	None	None	None

Process for Requesting Federal Tolling Authority

- Submit an "Expression of Interest" to the FHWA Tolling & Pricing Team
 - Team coordinates and assists, does not approve
- Work with the Tolling & Pricing Team to identify most appropriate program
- Submit formal application for tolling authority to appropriate FHWA program office
- **Execute formal tolling agreement**

The "Expression of Interest" Form

- Description of facility to be tolled
 - Whether construction is involved
 - Whether HOV lanes exist
- Timetable to enact tolling
- Expressions of support by public officials
- Plan for implementing tolls
- Reasons for implementing tolls
- Description of private entities involved
- Description of agencies responsible for operating, maintaining, and enforcing

Resources on Tolling Opportunities

- FHWA Tolling and Pricing Briefing Papers
 - Executive Summary
 - Summary of Opportunities and Process
- FHWA Tolling and Pricing Website
 - http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/tolling_pricing/index.htm
- FHWA Tolling and Pricing Team





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I-90 Expression of Interest

- ESHB3096 required WSDOT to "determine the necessary actions for receiving federal authorization to toll the Interstate 90"
- September 2008, WSDOT submitted an expression of interest to FHWA
- Options included full road tolling and HOT lanes

Questions/Comments?